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## HIGHWAY TO CITY TO BE IMPROVED

Action of Board in Designating Milan Road for State Aid Means Much to Rock Island.

INFLUENCED BY ANNEXATION

Paving of Ninth and Twelfth Streets Gives Supervisors Reason to Continue Work.

At last highways leading into the city of Rock Island from the south are to be improved. As a result of the action of the board of supervisors yesterday afternoon, in designating the Andalusia road running west from Milan as one of the highways to be improved next year under the provisions of the Tice law, the first start has been made in that direction. The other road to be improved is near Watertown, running east from the Turner farm.

One of the chief reasons that caused the Milan road to be selected, in preference to continuing the Taylor Ridge road, was the fact that the city of Rock Island, following the success of the annexation plan, is to pave both Ninth and Twelfth streets, thereby showing to the county board the sincerity of this city in advancing the permanent highway plan.

Entitled to Road.

Supervisor McQuade in talking to the board yesterday emphasized the fact that the board in the first place had designated three sections of road to be improved. One at Taylor Ridge, one at Zuma and the third, Ninth street in this city. The two country roads were installed but Ninth street was not improved. With the annexation of Sears to Rock Island, not only Ninth but Twelfth street as well, is to be paved, making permanent highways of the two roads from the Milan bridges into the city. Supervisor McQuade argued that much as the county was relieved from improving Ninth street, the board should designate some Milan road, leading to this city, as the next to receive state aid, in order that the original plan of giving two roads to the country and one to Rock Island might be carried out in good faith.

The work which the city proposes to do in fixing up the main roads over which the people coming to this city must pass, was an incentive for the board to continue the project. An effort will now be made to have the village of Milan and Black Hawk township improve the roads between the Milan bridges and to the point where the state aid road will be started, which is at the southwest corner of the village limits. Under the provisions of the Tice law, roads owned by city or village cannot be improved so that it will be up to the Milan people, as a matter of civic pride to take action looking toward betterment of the highways intervening between the pavement at this end of the Milan bridges and the new state aid road.

The formal resolution, adopted by the board in designating the state aid roads was as follows:

"Your committee to whom was referred the communication designating the state aid highways, submit the following: That we designate the highway beginning at a bridge three-tenths of a mile west of the east line of section 26, township 18 north, range 1 east of the Fourth P. M. and running in an easterly direction, being part of route number 3.

"Also the highway beginning at the southwest corner of the village of Milan and running west towards Andalusia and south to Taylor Ridge, being a part of routes 9 and 10. We would also recommend that the money available be proportioned equally between the two highways."

Can Select Material.

The material to be used in improving the roads will be entirely up to the county board, under the amendments to the Tice law. The roads designated to be improved will be certified to the state highway commission, which in turn will submit specifications and figures for the various types of roads. When this work is completed, if it is before the December meeting of the board, a special meeting of the supervisors will be called to pass on the material.

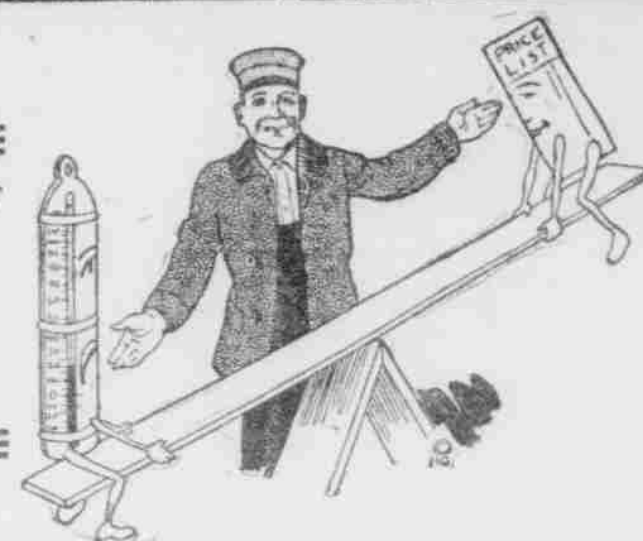
## CHANGE MECHANICS ON THE ROCK ISLAND

There has been a new mechanical superintendent appointed on the second division of the Rock Island road. C. J. Harris, formerly at Trenton, Mo., has been appointed superintendent of motive power over the entire second district with offices at Topeka. L. A. Richardson, who has been the head of this department, has resigned to accept a better position with another road.

## PORT OF TSING TAU HAS BEEN REOPENED

Washington, Sept. 18.—Reopening of the Chinese maritime customs of Tsing Tau has been reported to the department of commerce. The agreement became effective Sept. 1. Japan, after deducting 20 per cent of the import duty, as provided in the revised agreement between Germany and China, out of the custom receipts levied up to the date of the reopening of customs by the Japanese authorities at Tsing Tau, is to turn the remainder over to the Chinese custom authorities.

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